



Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund – Second Round Park Development Project Application



Project No. _____
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Please submit the application and attachments to Seattle Parks and Recreation, 3rd Floor, 800 Maynard Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98134. Attn: Catherine Anstett. Materials may also be submitted by fax to (206) 233-7038 or by e-mail to catherine.anstett@seattle.gov. Be sure to obtain acknowledgement that materials are received by the application deadline of **5 pm, Tuesday, February 1, 2005**. Application materials are limited to a maximum of twelve 8-1/2" x 11" pages (six double-sided) for the entire package: up to six pages for the application form and narrative, and up to six pages for all other attachments, including a required budget proposal and photograph. Concise proposals are expected.

**For questions or help with any part of the application, please contact Catherine Anstett,
Seattle Parks and Recreation, 206-615-0386, catherine.anstett@seattle.gov**

Only projects that submitted Letters of Intent in November 2004 are eligible to apply.

Applicant Organization (if applicable): Beacon Alliance of Neighbors (BAN) (<http://www.cityofseattle.net/ban/>)

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Nominated Project Information:

Project Name: Beacon Hill Trail and Restoration

Name should be six words or less.

Project Description. Briefly describe the project in 50 words or less:

Creation of multiuse trail access to lower Dr. Jose Rizal Park and habitat restoration along the eastern and southern slopes of the park.

Property Owner: Seattle Parks and Recreation

If known, name and contact information for private owner, or corporation or business; or public entity of project to be developed.

Neighborhood: Northwest Beacon Hill

Requested Amount of Funding: \$ 150,000

Other Project Funding (leveraging): + \$ 54,700 (See page 4 to provide details.)

Total Project Budget: = \$ 204,700

**1. Nominated Project: Basic Information****Project Location: South and east sections of Dr. Jose Rizal Park**

Location within park, street address, or other location indicator.

Project's Level of Readiness. Is the project in the idea stage or is there a professionally developed scope of work or a developed plan? Please attach your project's site plan if available.

The project is in the implementation stage, building on completed and ongoing current projects. In March, BAN will sponsor a planning summit to include neighbors from Northwest Beacon Hill and the broader Beacon Hill community; supporting bicycling, urban habitat, trail, and pedestrian advocacy organizations; and other interested community groups. Urban Sparks has agreed to help coordinate the design team for the trail system. Mark Meade, Sr. Urban Forester for Parks and Recreation, has recommended we work with Chukundi Salisbury on the approval process with Parks and Recreation. We will also work with the Mountain to Sound Greenway Trust on obtaining any permissions necessary from Washington State Dept. of Transportation and Seattle Dept. of Transportation, should they be required for our project as it intersects their trail.

Project Maintenance. What kinds of maintenance would this project require (examples of projects that might require special maintenance are a rose garden or environmental learning center)? Will any non-Parks Department maintenance of the project be available?

The project will require periodic maintenance of native plantings and invasive plant control by volunteers. The multiuse trail portion of the project will require maintenance similar to the volunteer work presently done in the adjacent Off-Leash Area.

Considerable non-Parks Department maintenance of the project is available. Maintenance of the trail and restoration areas will be coordinated with the City of Seattle and Washington State Dept. of Corrections quarterly cleanups of the area. A coalition of neighborhood and school volunteers, as well as Earth Corps volunteers for restoration work and volunteers from committed supporting organizations, will be formed to maintain the trail and the adjacent areas. Currently, community volunteers are working in the area on cleanup and small-scale ivy removal projects, and on feral cat control. Community volunteers from Northwest Beacon Hill have also demonstrated a long-term commitment to continued maintenance of the Off-Leash Area.

Project Goals. Describe the project in more detail. For example, for larger projects, what elements could be funded by the Opportunity Fund? What makes this project unique and important? (Continue on a single additional sheet if desired.)

Our project has two components, establishing a multiuse trail into lower Dr. Jose Rizal Park, while addressing habitat restoration along the east and south sides of the park. We are using as a model the Hitt's Hill project in Columbia City, as it had similar goals achieved through a neighborhood and City partnership.

The Multiuse Trail

We propose creating a multiuse non-motorized trail linking upper Dr. Jose Rizal Park with the lower section of the park.

- Our proposal will establish a multiuse path connecting the lower park with the upper park to allow public access and restoration work.
- The path will tie into existing well-established soft surface trails that extend along the western slope of Northwest Beacon Hill, creating a non-motorized trail link with Holgate, and so provide a mountain bike and pedestrian path in accordance with the Urban Village Plan for Beacon Hill, opening the East Duwamish Greenspace to the Mountain to Sound Greenway Trail.
- The trail will provide activities for families and school children, making the park a destination point for



after-school and weekend activities.

- The trail will complement the integrity of the existing Off-Leash Area, and will end at the access road at the southwest corner of the park.

Restoring the Forest

- Our project will create a forest experience in the heart of a major city.
- It will help reduce the "urban heat island" effect, reducing storm water runoff.
- It provides habitat for wild animals—the Jungle is home to 45 species of birds, and mammals like coyotes and raccoons. Our project will help preserve this area for the health of our wildlife populations.
- We have a practical approach to control invasive plants and to reintroduce Pacific Northwest evergreens like Douglas fir and western red cedar. We will be building on initial planting work done by the Rotary Club, Weyerhaeuser, and the Mountain to Sound Greenway Trust toward the western side of the lower park area in 1993.
- A long-term area reclamation project featuring the cultivation of native plants. The Beacon Bluff Open Space is a combination neighborhood park and p-patch sponsored by BAN, funded through a Neighborhood Matching Grant in 2000. BAN members are also stewards of greenbelt stairways on the eastern slope of Beacon Bluff.
- This project will make the greenway accessible in accordance with the City's urban village plan for north Beacon Hill. It is consistent with the Greater Duwamish Watershed and Seattle Urban Wildlife plans, the CEPA viewing site listing for Dr. Jose Rizal Park, and the City's urban forestry plan.

2. Nominated Project: Physical Information

Size of site to be developed: 3 acres (estimate)

Amount of acreage or square footage of entire project area: indicate if number is an estimate. If the Opportunity Fund nominated project is part of a larger project, how large is the portion funded by the Opportunity Fund?

Existing Conditions and Level of Development:

The current forested area along the southern slope of Dr. Jose Rizal Park is choked by invasive plants, particularly English ivy. Broadleaf maples are the dominant tree, but many are at the end of their lifespans.

Please describe current use and conditions. If site is developed, please describe; for example, paving, structures, play areas.

Adjacent Property:

A Washington State Department of Transportation access road runs north-south along the western border of the Off-Leash Area. Directly south of the area is Judkins St. (upper slope) and corresponding Seattle Department of Transportation property (undeveloped Judkins Street) in the downhill, wooded area on the west side. Further south is a mix of private and Seattle Parks and Recreation property. The Mountain to Sound Greenway Trust plans to announce in Feb. 2005 its proposed design for its continuation of the Mountain to Sound Greenway trail through the lower section of Dr. Jose Rizal Park. The trail portion of our project will intersect with the Mountain to Sound Greenway Trail.

Undeveloped; or in process of development; or developed with residences; or with commercial buildings; or other improvements such as structures, paving or grading.

**3. Nominated Project: Opportunity Fund Criteria**

Is this a property that was funded to be acquired through the first round of the Opportunity Fund that needs funds for development? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is this project consistent with an approved City plan such as a neighborhood or watershed plan? Which plan?

This project will make the greenway accessible in accordance with the City's urban village plan for north Beacon Hill, addressing bike trail, wildlife, geological, and overall ecological concerns. It is consistent with the Greater Duwamish Watershed and Seattle Urban Wildlife plans, the CEPA viewing site listing for Dr. Jose Rizal Park, and the City's urban forestry plan. It is also consistent with the Viewpoint Management Plan established for the Dr. Jose Rizal Park.

(<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/parkspaces/Viewpoints/VI-DrJoseRizalPark.pdf>).

How does this project serve an area experiencing growth?

Northwest Beacon Hill is currently experiencing a transition from single-family homes and small apartment buildings to being a community of townhouses, large apartment units, and multiple family dwellings along with single family residences. It is anticipated that in the next 10 years the area will have considerable growth in population density due to the proximity of transportation options (I-90, I-5, Sound Transit Light Rail) and the downtown corridor, in accord with the overall population density planning for the city of Seattle as a whole.

How does this project address a park or open space deficiency?

This project addresses use of a park space that has been previously undeveloped. The efforts of an interagency taskforce (Neighborhood Action Team) and the establishment of the Off-Leash Area has opened the door for the completion of the park, and re-establishing its natural character.

Is this project in, or does it serve, a Neighborhood Revitalization Area or designated urban village? Which one?

This project serves the designated Beacon Hill urban village and is part of the Beacon Hill urban village plan. The 1998 Beacon Hill Urban Village Planning - Transportation report (<http://www.cityofseattle.net/commnty/Beacon/old/transport.htm>), in its recommendations on bike paths, describes the greenbelt trail beginning in lower Jose Rizal Park as:

"The overwhelming favorite (bike trail) to implement is the I-5 greenbelt trail. The Seattle Police and Fire Departments desire a paved road (for their use only) through the greenbelt to patrol the greenbelt area, and perhaps creating a park/path would increase people activity in this area and get rid of the current "jungle" occupants.

The Transportation Workgroup proposes that this project be implemented in four phases:

Phase I: Jose Rizal Park to Holgate St. (essentially the "Jungle" area) - PAVED PORTION.

Phase II: Holgate St. to Columbian Way.

Phase II: Cleveland High School to S. Snoqualmie St.

Phase IV: S. Snoqualmie St to Columbian Way. (hardest part, due to freeway interchange.)."

The road for SPD and Fire Dept. use, as well as for Parks and Recreation personnel use, was completed in 2003 as part of the Jungle Interagency Taskforce effort led by Jordan Royer of the city's Neighborhood Action Team. Our proposal now takes the project into Phase I of the four phases of the report's proposed I-5 Greenbelt Trail.



4. Nominated Project: Neighborhood Involvement and Support

How did the idea for this project originate? Were members of a neighborhood group or organization involved in selecting and planning the project? Please describe the project's community support and endorsements. What communities are represented (e.g. businesses, residents, schools) and what public processes have been conducted?

Since 1998, the Beacon Alliance of Neighbors has worked with other groups to address public safety issues originating in the undeveloped areas of Dr. Jose Rizal Park and more southerly areas of the "Jungle." Our members were involved in the site decision for the Off-Leash Area, and have worked with the COLA steward on cleanups.

This project continues a large effort by the City of Seattle. In 2003-04, led by the Neighborhood Action Team, an interagency taskforce completed the initial cleanup of an area popularly known as the Jungle. It had become a haven for drug dealers, prostitutes, and petty criminals. A host of agencies came together to find a solution: Seattle Parks, Transportation, Social Services, Public Utilities, and the SPD, plus Washington State Dept. of Corrections, Wash. St. Department of Transportation, and Street Outreach Services. A community steering committee formed, hosted by BAN, to participate in the taskforce. We were charged with planning use for the area consistent with the overall plan for the East Duwamish Greenspace.

After the cleanup and stabilization of the crime situation in the Jungle, we began planning for its use. Several neighbor-organized trips into the Jungle were conducted to get a lay of the land and also to prompt further community discussion. An outreach program began; a list of committed supporters is included as an attachment to this section. To summarize, we currently have the support of several major area bicycle organizations, the Wright Runstad Company, environmentally oriented groups, and individual members of our sister community groups, too.

A total of 14 individuals had direct input and participated in the review of this grant application, including people from outside of BAN's area and participating organizations on this project. The Beacon Alliance of Neighbors is the community council for Northwest Beacon Hill. We have met monthly for seven years, and have sponsored neighborhood cleanups, and co-sponsored the "Toss from the Tower" event with the Beacon Tower Community Council (SHA) for four years. We have funded neighborhood crime watch signs down to the business district, and have actively participated in community crime watches, and helped create a series of overlapping block watches along Northwest Beacon Hill. We continue to work in a productive relationship with Wright Runstad on ongoing mitigation for the PacMed/Amazon.com development. We sponsored and successfully created the Beacon Bluff Open Space, a combination neighborhood park and pea patch, funded through a Neighborhood Matching Grant in 2000. BAN members are also stewards of greenbelt stairways on the eastern slope of Beacon Bluff. Our membership is drawn from an area designated as "Northwest Beacon Hill" in City of Seattle maps, roughly stretching from Jose Rizal Bridge south to College Street, and from the "Jungle" east to 17th Avenue S.

5. Nominated Project: Finances

- Please describe other project funding sources. What is the status of these funds (e.g. pledged, potential grant applications, cash-in-hand)? How much of the funding has been raised by the community?
- Describe how the project budget and construction cost estimates were developed.
- In a separate attachment, provide an overall project budget in as much detail as you have available. Please indicate what portion of the project is proposed for funding by the Opportunity Fund.



Other Project Funding Sources:

1. \$3,000 slope management plan, already paid for and executed by the Atlantic Place Condominium Association. Cash in hand. Raised by community.
2. \$1,200 Meeting space donation, provided by the Wright Runstad Company as part of neighborhood mitigation for the Amazon.com development at PacMed. Annual costs for renting equivalent space based on previous experience renting meeting space for BAN meetings. Donated service. Raised by community.
3. \$7,000 for pathway wood chips; donations from commercial tree services, based on \$9.31/cubic yard of pathway mix (wholesale price), 750 cubic yards needed for trail. Individual neighboring landowners along Northwest Beacon Hill have worked with Emerald Tree Service to coordinate delivery of donated materials to create a berm separating a home from an alley; we anticipate continuing this and/or making similar arrangements. Commercial tree services typically give this material away; this project leverages the benefit of using a donated, free recycled resource compared to buying commercial product. Donated service. Raised by community.
4. \$12,000 for cleanup assistance. This item leverages the ongoing Jungle restoration effort, with cleanup activities coordinated by the Washington State Department of Corrections working with Seattle Parks and Recreation on a quarterly basis. It is based on equivalent commercial services available to the construction industries for similar work. Donated service. Raised by community working with agencies.
5. \$15,000 Starbucks Neighborhood Parks Program. The application deadline is March 31, 2005. Potential grant application.
6. \$1,000 Starbucks Make Your Mark Program. Donation of \$10 hour, up to \$1,000, for each hour of community service on the project donated by Starbucks' employees. Potential grant application.
7. \$10,000 Wild Places in City Spaces Grant, from the King County Urban Reforestation and Habitat Restoration Grant Fund. Deadlines are July 1 and March 1. Potential grant application.
8. \$10,000 volunteer labor at \$10/hour, including planning, comprehensive site design, physical labor.
9. \$500 feral cat control program. Cash in hand. Raised by community.
10. We anticipate leveraging an already funded large grant from the Mountain to Sound Greenway Trust. We understand that details of that grant will be made public between Feb. - April, 2005.

Project Budget Development:

The project budget and construction costs were developed based on community experience with the Neighborhood Matching Grant that funded a similar but smaller scale path improvement and habitat restoration project at the Beacon Bluff Open Space on Massachusetts Street. It also takes into account current commercial rates for construction costs.

See Attachment 4 for an overall project budget.

Attachments

All attachments must be in 8-1/2" x 11" format, and should not exceed six pages (three double-sided). Provide at least one photograph of the nominated site, mounted on 8-1/2" x 11" paper and labeled for identification and information. (Photos will not be returned.)

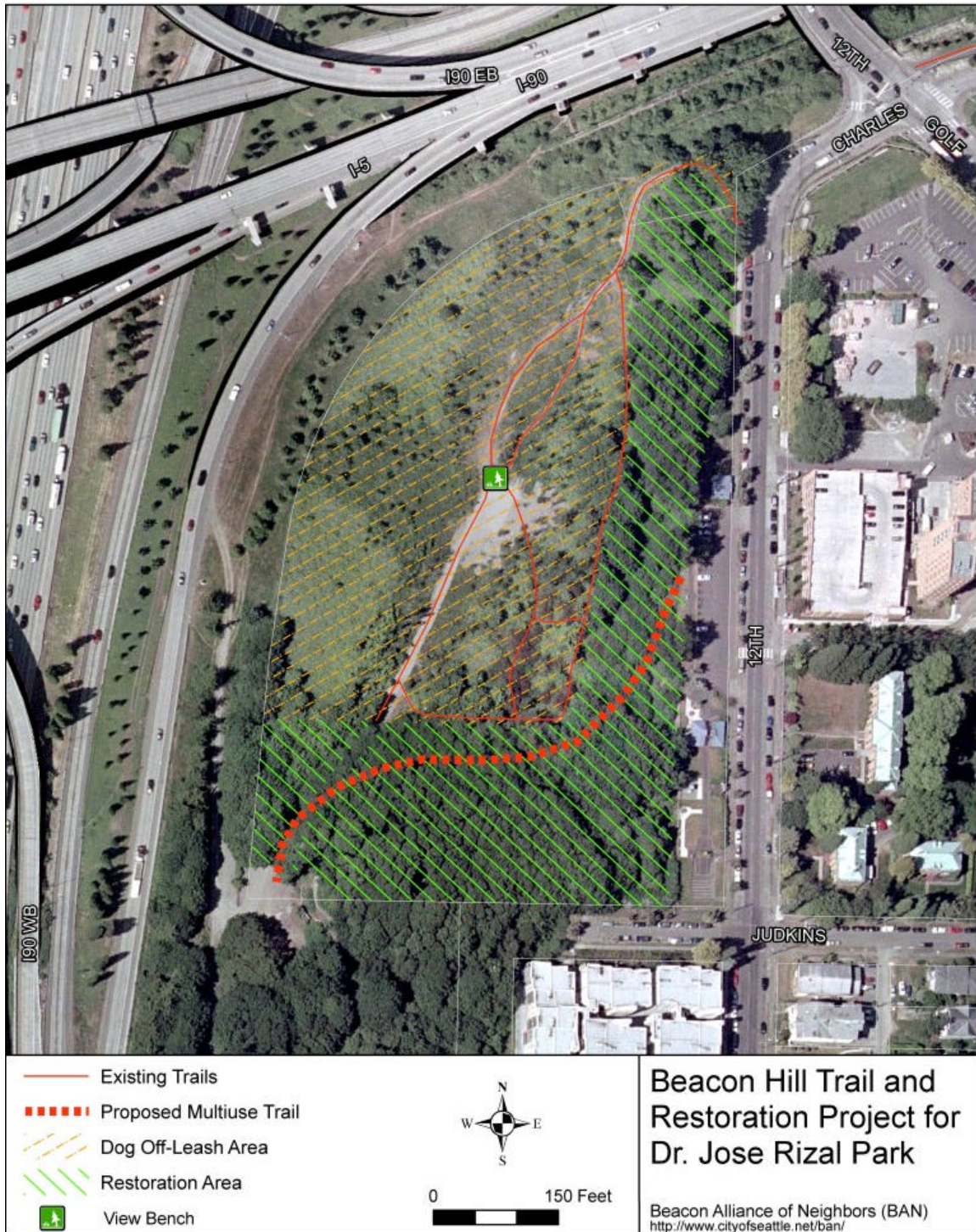
Please limit any attachments to the following:

- Project Budget (required as part of 12 pages)
- Photo/s (required as part of 12 pages)
- Site location map
- Site/Development Plans (if available)
- A maximum of two letters of support for the project

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Attachment 1

Site Map



NOTE: The multiuse trail in this phase extends to the service road at the southwest corner of Dr. Jose Rizal Park.

Beacon Hill Trail and Restoration

Attachment 2

Endorsing Organizations

- The Beacon Alliance of Neighbors; Community Council for Northwest Beacon Hill
- Cascade Bicycle Club
- Bicycle Alliance of Washington
- Mountain to Sound Greenway Trust
- Friends of Chief Sealth Trail
- Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition
- Urban Sparks

This project has also received statements of support from representatives of these organizations:

- Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club
- Seattle Audubon (Urban Habitats)
- Feet First

At the time of this writing, several other community groups are considering supporting this project in this or a later phase.

Attachment 3 – Site Photograph - 1



This photograph shows the intersection of the enclosed Off-Leash Area and the project area. Right beyond the fence is the path of the proposed trail. The upper 2/3 of the image shows the current condition of the forest. At the horizon, through the trees, is the top of the southern slope of Dr. Jose Rizal Park (Judkins Street). To the left and up hill off camera is the top portion of the eastern side of the park.

Attachment 3 – Site Photograph - 2



This photograph shows the eastern slope of Dr. Jose Rizal Park as viewed from the middle of the Off-Leash Area. It includes the northern end of the area that would be restored with native plants. The proposed trail would begin off picture to the right in a more densely overgrown area. For comparison with the previous image, this area behind the fence to the top of the horizon (upper Dr. Jose Rizal Park) has already received much more extensive maintenance than the area in the first photograph.

Beacon Hill Trail and Restoration**Attachment 4****Budget**

| Category | Item | Cost | Levy Grant | Community | Total |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Overall Project | Site Development Plan and Design | \$5,000 | | \$5,000 | |
| Overall Project | Slope Management Plan | \$3,000 | | \$3,000 | |
| Overall Project | Public Meeting Expenses (Meeting Space, Publicity, Follow-up) | \$1,200 | | \$1,200 | |
| Overall Project | Survey | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | | |
| Overall Project | Inspections | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | | |
| Total Overall | | \$15,200 | \$6,000 | \$9,200 | \$15,200 |
| Trail Development | Trail Establishment: Excavation/Materials | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | | |
| Trail Development | Removal of Dirt from Excavation | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | | |
| Trail Development | Erosion Control for Trail on Eastern Slope (Materials, Labor) | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | | |
| Trail Development | Path mix for trail | \$7,000 | | \$7,000 | |
| Total Trail | | \$65,000 | \$58,000 | \$7,000 | \$65,000 |
| Habitat Restoration | Vegetation Management Plan | \$20,000 | \$20,000 | | |
| Habitat Restoration | Ground Ivy Removal | \$45,000 | \$30,000 | \$15,000 | |
| Habitat Restoration | Selected Tree Ivy Removal and Tree Thinning (hired foresters) | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | | |
| Habitat Restoration | Cleanup of Ivy Removal, Debris | \$12,000 | | \$12,000 | |
| Habitat Restoration | Purchase of Native Plant Species | \$15,000 | \$10,000 | \$5,000 | |
| Habitat Restoration | Planting of Native Species | \$15,000 | \$10,000 | \$5,000 | |
| Habitat Restoration | 1-Year Watering Plan for Newly Planted Trees | \$2,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | |
| Habitat Restoration | Feral Cat Program | \$500 | | \$500 | |
| Total Habitat | | \$124,500 | \$86,000 | \$38,500 | \$124,500 |
| Total Project | | \$204,700 | \$150,000 | \$54,700 | \$204,700 |